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SUBJECT: SECOND INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST REPORTED PENDING

1. THE INDIAN NEWS SERVICE SAMACHAR REPORTED FEBRUARY 10 THAT INDIA WOULD CONDUCT A SECOND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE STUDY OF THE FIRST EXPLOSION AT POKHARAN. THE REPORT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO DEPUTY ENERGY MINISTER SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD WHO WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN IN UJJAIN. HTUE SAMACHAR STORY ADDED THAT PRASAD SAID THE DATA FROM POKHARAN WAS BEING PROCESSED. THE REPORT APPEARS TO US TO BE A DISTORTED VARIATION OF THE GOI POSITION THAT THE DECISION TO TEST IS CONTINGENT ON THE FINDINGS FROM THE FIRST NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO GOI OFFICIAL

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HAS EVER SAID THERE WOULD DEFINITELY BE ANOTHER PEACEFUL TEST

EXPLOSION.

2. THE SAMACHAR DEPUTY NEWS EDITOR TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THE STORY AS IT CAME FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN UJJAIN INDICATED THAT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON WHEN INDIA WOULD ADPLODE ITS NEXT NUCLEAR DEVICE, PRASAD HAD MERELY REPLIED IT WOULD AWAIT THE COMPLETION OF PROCESSING OF INFIRMATION FROM THE POKHARAN TEST. WE ARE TOL PSAMACHAR HAS NO QUOTE FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER THAT THE GOI WILL REPEAT THE TEST.

3. C. K. JOSEPH, DIRECTOR (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), IAEC, INFORMED CONSUL ENERAL COURTNEY TODAY, FEBRUARY 12' THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE DELHI EDITION OF THE TIMES WHICH CARRIED THE SAMACHAR STORY. JOSEPH SAID THE MINISTER WAS UNDOUBTEDLY MISQUOTED. HE SAID THE INDIAN POLICY REMAINS AS STATED TO THE CONSUL GEN- ERAL PREVIOUSLY (NEW DELHI 1028) AND THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION REACHED REGARDING SECOND TEST.

4. A MINISTRY OF ENERGY SOURCE IN NEW DELHI TOLD THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR THIS AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 11, THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR ANOTHER TEST EXPLOSION.  
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